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Routine Patrol by Volunteer COP and Resident **Using 'See Something, Say Something' leads to** **Arrest of Wanted Flagler Fugitive**

On June 5, management at the Bulow Camp Grounds approached a member of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) Citizens Observer Patrol (COP) who was conducting a routine patrol in the campground. The Bulow Camp manager told the COP that there was a suspicious jeep parked on the camp property and that they had already asked the driver and passenger of the vehicle to leave but they refused.



Booking photo for Heather Staffa.

The COP located the jeep and then immediately radioed the COP dispatcher with the vehicle's tag number, description, and exact location and requested a patrol deputy to respond.

FCSO deputies arrived on scene and found the driver of the vehicle, Heather Staffa (40 years old),

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asleep at the wheel. Staffa was awoken by FCSO deputies and after confirming her identity, placed her under arrest for an outstanding warrant for Violation of Probation for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Methamphetamine, and Tampering with Evidence.

This is not Staffa's first arrest by law enforcement. Staffa has a criminal history with the FCSO that dates back to 2011 for various charges including Failure to Appear, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Child Neglect, Domestic Violence, Possession of Methamphetamine, and Tampering with Evidence.

A purple purse was located in Staffa's vehicle, which contained a glass pipe that had a white crystal-like residue inside of it. Also inside the purse was a small glass vial containing a white crystal-like substance that later tested positive for Methamphetamine.

Staffa admitted to deputies that the narcotics found inside the purse belonged to her. When asked what she was doing at the campground, she told deputies that she was getting ready to go to rehab later that day but wanted to take a shower first.

"This is a great example of how a routine patrol by one of our volunteer COP's and an observant resident reporting suspicious behavior can lead to taking a wanted fugitive off the streets," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "Thanks to the excellent job done by our COP this repeat offender was apprehended. Hopefully this literal 'wake-up call' will get her back on the right and she will use the STRIDE programs available at the jail to help overcome her addiction."

Heather Staffa is currently being held at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility. She is being charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and is being held without bond.

The passenger was released from the scene.

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